

"Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas removing from the Constitution all limitations as to the amount of compensation of officers, the compensation and expenses of said officers to be as provided by law, and fixing the compensation of the Governor, and providing that said amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 1929, and not sooner."

If it shall appear from a return of said election that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of said amendment, it shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SEC. 3. The Governor shall issue his proclamation calling said election and have the same published and said election held in accordance with this resolution and the Constitution and laws of this State; and return shall be made and the votes canvassed and counted as provided by law; and if said amendment is adopted by the required vote of the qualified electors of this State, the Governor shall issue his proclamation as required by law.

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for publication of the proclamation calling said election and any expense of the State in submitting said amendment and holding said election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 33 passed the Senate 25 ayes, 0 nays; passed the House 103 ayes, 19 nays.]

Approved by Governor March 29, 1927.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—AUTHORIZING LEGISLATURE TO GRANT CONFEDERATE PENSIONS REGARDLESS OF DATE PENSIONER CAME TO TEXAS OR WHEN WIDOW MARRIED PENSIONER OR WHEN SHE WAS BORN.

H. J. R. No. 15.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing a tax levy for Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and providing for submission of same to the qualified electors of this State at any election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1928, and providing the necessary proclamation and appropriation to defray expenses of proclamation, publication and election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public moneys to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient, and to their widows in indigent circumstances under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient; to indigent and disabled soldiers, who, under special laws of the State of Texas, during the war between the States, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raids or Mexican marauders, and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia who were in active service during the war between the States, and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances, and who are or may be eligible to receive aid under such regulations and limitations as may be deemed by the Legislature as expedient; and also grant for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided for by law; provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas, a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (\$.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity."

SEC. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1928, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon "For the constitutional amendment authorizing aid to Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows in indigent circumstances, and authorizing tax levy therefor", and "Against the constitutional amendment authorizing aid to Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows in indigent circumstances and authorizing tax levy therefor". Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

SEC. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required

by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of \$5000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby appropriated for the expense of publication of said Amendment.

[NOTE.— H. J. R. No. 15 was amended and passed the House February 16, 1927, 103 yeas, 5 nays; finally passed in the Senate March 10, 1927, 25 yeas, 0 nays.]

Approved by the Governor, March 30, 1927.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—AUTHORIZING LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PARSONAGES, AND CERTAIN PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.

H. J. R. No. 20.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article 8 of the Constitution of the State, so as to authorize the Legislature to exempt from taxation any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society, and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a State or National organization of like character; providing for an election upon such proposed Constitutional Amendment, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 2, Article 8 of the Constitution be so changed as to read hereafter as follows:

All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the relig-